



## What the course will involve -

**Year 12 - UNIT 1 - Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Research methods** - "Ever thought your brain might burst if you tried to learn anything else?"

**Year 12 - UNIT 2 Biological Psychology, Social Psychology, Research methods** - "Ever told anyone 'I was so scared I nearly wet myself'?" "Ever wondered why not one of Hitler's men said 'This is wrong'?"

**Year 13 - UNIT 3 - Biological Rhythms and sleep, Gender, Cognition and Development** - "Ever realised that every night when we sleep we see and hear things that are not there – a bit like a schizophrenic, some might say"

**Year 13 - UNIT 4 Psychopathology, Psychology in action, Psychological research and Scientific methods** - "Ever wondered if it is right to give someone medication just to make them behave in a way that YOU think is acceptable?"

## Exam Board: AQA

## Assessment -

Year 12 - UNIT 1            1½ hour exam in January, 50% of AS grade

Year 12 - UNIT 2            1½ hour exam in May / June, 25% of AS grade

The marks obtained at AS Level are carried forward to the full A Level and account for 50% of the overall A Level grade.

Year 13 - UNIT 3            1½ hour exam in January, 25% of A Level grade

Year 13 - UNIT 4            2 hour exam in May / June, 25% of A Level grade

## What the course can lead to -

Studying Psychology can lead you directly into a career in the Mental Health profession, either to counsel or treat patients or to work in the field of research - to find out more about mental illness and to develop new and better treatments. Qualifications in this field will also be useful in any career that involves understanding human behaviour - such as policing, management, education, care of special needs groups, marriage guidance counselling and family therapy.



## Entry Requirements -

All students will require Maths, English and Science GCSE at grade C or above. Students who perform well in this subject are hardworking and committed. Their hard work is motivated by their desire to know more. They have good or excellent ability and an interest in maths or science and study independently for 1 hour after every lesson.